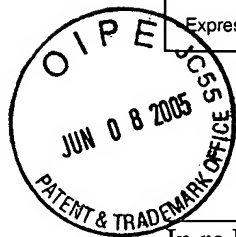


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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are included in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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